



## CITY OF LODI

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Resolution Supporting the Establishment by the Federal Communications Commission of a Citizens' Band Radio Traffic Advisory Channel

MEETING DATE: February 20, 1991

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached Resolution, marked Exhibit A, entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lodi Supporting the Establishment by the Federal Communications Commission of a Citizens' Band Radio Traffic Advisory Channel".

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the February 6, 1991 Regular City Council meeting, the City Council received a request from Michael J. Barkley, 161 North Sheridan Avenue #1, Manteca, CA asking that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the establishment by the Federal Communications Commission of a Citizens' Band Radio Traffic Advisory Channel as a means to improve traffic control systems during foggy weather.

Inasmuch as this request was received under "Communications", no formal action could be taken on the matter by the City Council. Mayor Hinchman directed the City Clerk to place this matter on the February 20, 1991 agenda for action by the City Council.

Also attached for your information is a copy of a letter from Mr. Barkley to The Tribune regarding the matter (see Exhibit B) and a copy of the petition received September 11, 1990 by the Federal Communications Commission petitioning the Commission to designate one of the existing Citizens' Band Radio channels as a "Traffic Advisory" channel with usage limited to warnings, advice, comments, questions, and answers about roadway conditions, and with enforcement provisions similar to those of the Channel 9 Emergency Channel but less restrictive (see Exhibit C).

FUNDING: None required.

*Alice M. Reimche*  
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City Clerk

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

THOMAS A. PETERSON  
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 91-28

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A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION OF A CITIZENS' BAND RADIO TRAFFIC ADVISORY CHANNEL

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WHEREAS, during conditions of impaired visibility such as HEAVY FOG or blowing dust, in addition to excessive speed, absence of adequate information about the roadway ahead is a cause of regular, predictable massive vehicle pileups with great injury and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, residents of Lodi are at great risk from such massive multiple-vehicle pileups in the fog on freeways in the Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, Citizens' Band Radio holds the possibility for reducing that toll by delivering timely information about roadway conditions; and

WHEREAS, lack of information about roadway conditions ahead in general contributes to much congestion, waste of time, excess consumption of fuel, and air pollution which could be avoided if drivers knew to take alternate routes; and

WHEREAS, the existing chaotic, conflicting usage of all Citizens' Band channels other than Emergency Channel 9 prevents an organized effort to exchange such roadway condition information; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Channel 9 usage is limited to emergency information, excluding information that might prevent such emergencies in the first place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lodi supports the Petition received September 11, 1990 by the Federal Communications Commission petitioning the Commission to designate one of the existing Citizens' Band Radio channels as a "Traffic Advisory" channel with usage limited to warnings, advice, comments, questions, and answers about roadway conditions, and with enforcement provisions similar to those of the Channel 9 Emergency Channel but less restrictive.

Dated: February 20, 1991

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 91-28 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held February 20, 1991 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members -

Noes: Council Members -

Absent: Council Members -

Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

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EXHIBIT B

Michael J. Barkley  
161 N. Sheridan Ave. #1  
Manteca, CA 95336

209/823-4817

January 2, 1991

Letters to the Editor  
The Tribune  
P. O. Box 867  
Salt Lake City, UT 84110

Dear Mr. Fehr:

This morning there was a horrendous multi-vehicle pileup in the fog on Interstate 215 near Salt Lake City. I live in California's Central Valley where such pileups are common because of the ground fog that can linger here for months during the winter. In each of the past two years I was in the middle of a large multi-vehicle pileup in which a Manteca resident was killed less than a hundred yards behind me.

This has gone on long enough!

I have organized a group of Central Valley residents to lobby for improved traffic control systems in the fog. Tired of the resistance and delays by the California transportation bureaucracy, I have filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission asking them to designate a "Citizens' Band Radio Traffic Advisory Channel with usage limited to warnings, advice, comments, questions and answers about roadway conditions, and with enforcement similar to those of the Channel 9 Emergency Channel but less restrictive." The goal is to help us as drivers to trade information among ourselves on the dangers ahead (without the usual CB chit-chat) until the various governments install the systems that are available now to cut down on these pileups. The 3/4" thick petition is presently pigeonholed in an obscure FCC back office. To make sure the FCC understands that there is public interest in this petition, we are circulating supplementary petitions and sending in those signatures.

Local teams of REACT (the group that monitors Channel 9 and does other public-service work) have joined the effort and are collecting signatures with us.

If you would like copies of these short-form petitions to sign or circulate in your area, please call me at 209/823-4817 or write me at 161 N. Sheridan Ave. #1, Manteca, CA 95336 and I will send you some.

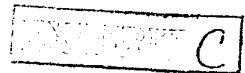
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Barkley

-----cut out, copy, give to your friends, circulate, collect signatures, mail it in-----

PETITION (Addendum to Petition for Rulemaking, Docket # \_\_\_\_\_)



To: The Honorable Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WE THE UNDERSIGNED hereby find:

--that during conditions of impaired visibility such as **HEAVY FOG** or blowing dust, in addition to excessive speed, absence of adequate information about the roadway ahead is a cause of regular, predictable massive vehicle pileups with great injury and loss of life,

--that Citizens Band Radio holds the possibility for reducing that toll by delivering timely information about roadway conditions,

--that lack of information about roadway conditions ahead in general contributes to much congestion, waste of time, excess consumption of fuel, and air pollution which could be avoided if drivers knew to take alternate routes,

--that the existing chaotic, conflicting usage of all CB channels other than Emergency Channel 9 prevents an organized effort to exchange such roadway condition information,

--that Emergency Channel 9 usage is limited to emergency information, excluding information that might prevent such emergencies in the first place,

THEREFORE, we the undersigned hereby support the Petition received September 11, 1990, FCC Docket # \_\_\_\_\_, petitioning the FCC to designate one of the existing Citizens' Band Radio channels as a "Traffic Advisory" channel with usage limited to warnings, advice, comments, questions, and answers about roadway conditions, and with enforcement provisions similar to those of the Channel 9 Emergency Channel but less restrictive.

1) name (signed):	street/P.O. box:
name (printed):	city/state/zip:
2) name (signed):	street/P.O. box:
name (printed):	city/state/zip:
3) name (signed):	street/P.O. box:
name (printed):	city/state/zip:

Info: Mike Barkley, 161 N. Sheridan Ave. #1, Manteca, CA 95336 209/823-4817  
[Submit with 1 extra copy to FCC at address at top. Comments welcome.]

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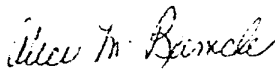
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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 91-28 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held February 20, 1991 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Pennino, Pinkerton, Sieglock, Snider  
and Hinchman (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None

  
Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk

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